

**FCC QUARTERLY REPORT:
ISSUES AND PROGRAMS REPORT**

For WTVS DETROIT PUBLIC TELEVISION

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Introduction

In an effort to be responsive to the issues of current concern in the Detroit/Metro community, **WTVS** has chosen to broadcast programming reflective of these issues, with the intention of creating greater awareness of these concerns among our viewers.

Community Issues Addressed This Quarter:

Biography/History
Culture/Arts
Education
Health/Health Care
Science/Nature
Leadership/Public Policy

*******BIOGRAPHY/HISTORY*******

Issue: **BIOGRAPHY/HISTORY**
Program Title: Zelenskyy: The Man Who Took on Putin
Produced by: ITN Productions
Type: Documentary
Dates Aired: 9/9/2022 11:30pm 56.1 30 minutes

Description: This documentary charts the rise of the comedian, actor and entertainer who became the improbable wartime leader. For some he was the political lightweight, whose approval ratings had slipped and was not trusted to deal with the rising tensions with Russia. But in the last few weeks Zelenskyy's uncompromising stand - which has led to this current face off with Vladimir Putin - has transformed his image and popularity, both at home and abroad. The film explores the man behind the series of game changing social media and TV appearances which have encapsulated the defiant response of a nation. What motivates him? How did he transform from joker to leader and what is the next chapter of his story?

Issue: **BIOGRAPHY/HISTORY**
Program Title: A to Z: The First Alphabet
Series Title: Nova
Produced by: Dox Production & WGBH
Type: Documentary
Dates Aired: 8/31/2022 9:00pm 56.1 60 minutes

Description: Where would we be without the world's alphabets? Writing has played a vital role in the development and expansion of cultures throughout history. But researchers are only now uncovering the origin story to our own alphabet. From the shape of the letter A to the role of writing in trade and storytelling, discover how the written word shaped civilization itself.

Issue: **BIOGRAPHY/HISTORY**
 Program Title: The American Diplomat
 Series Title: American Experience
 Produced by: FLOWSTATE Films, LLC
 Type: Documentary
 Dates Aired: 9/27/2022 9:00pm 56.1 60 minutes

Description: At the height of the Cold War, the U.S. State Department — known as “male, pale and Yale” — remained one of the last agencies to desegregate completely. THE AMERICAN DIPLOMAT tells the story of the fight for inclusion in American diplomacy through the lives of three African American ambassadors: Edward R. Dudley, Terence Todman and Carl Rowan. Tasked with representing the best of American ideals abroad while facing discrimination at home, each would push past racial barriers to high-ranking appointments and create a lasting impact on the content and character of the Foreign Service. THE AMERICAN DIPLOMAT paints a complex portrait of three individuals who built lives of opportunity and influence while advocating for a nation that did not always advocate for them.

Issue: **BIOGRAPHY/HISTORY**
 Program Title: Singing Our Way to Freedom
 Distributor: APTEXC - APT Exchange
 Type: Documentary
 Dates Aired: 9/26/2022 11:00pm 56.1 60 minutes

Description: SINGING OUR WAY TO FREEDOM chronicles the life and music of Ramon "Chunky" Sanchez, from his humble beginnings as a farmworker in Blythe, California to the dramatic moment when he received one of our nation's highest musical honors at the Library of Congress in Washington, D.C. Chunky's arc of transformation from marginalized farm kid to charismatic social activist shows how one person can mobilize people to change the world.

Issue: **BIOGRAPHY/HISTORY**
 Program Title: Elmore Leonard: But Don't Try to Write
 Distributor: APTEXC - APT Exchange
 Type: Documentary
 Dates Aired: 9/5/2022 10:00pm 56.1 60 minutes

Description: A talented novelist considered by many to be one of the best crime writers of the past half-century, Leonard was especially known for his crackling dialogue, complex characters, and dark humor. Many of his writings were adapted for film and TV, including Get Shorty, Out of Sight, Jackie Brown, 3:10 to Yuma, and FX's Justified. ELMORE LEONARD: BUT DON'T TRY TO WRITE

explores Leonard's career, body of work, and writing process. The documentary features previously unseen home movie footage, family photographs, and in-depth interviews with literary experts and those who knew him well, including colleagues, family, and childhood friends. The documentary also features archival interview footage with Leonard himself discussing his work and writing influences.

Issue: **BIOGRAPHY/HISTORY**
Program Title: Queen Elizabeth: A Royal Life
Produced by: NewsHour Productions LLC & Orange Smarty Ltd.
Type: Documentary
Dates Aired: 9/8/2022 9:00pm 56.1 60 minutes

Description: To commemorate the death of Queen Elizabeth II, PBS NewsHour will present "Queen Elizabeth: A Royal Life." The special will explore Queen Elizabeth's life, legacy, and her influence within the royal family, across the United Kingdom, and around the world.

*******ARTS/CULTURE*******

Issue: **ARTS/CULTURE**
Program Title: National Memorial Day Concert 2022
Produced By: Capital Concerts, Inc.
Type: Performance
Dates Aired: 7/29/2022 8pm 56.1 90 minutes

Description: The 33rd annual broadcast of the NATIONAL MEMORIAL DAY CONCERT brings us together as one family of Americans to honor the service and sacrifice of our men and women in uniform, military families and all those who have given their lives for our country. The concert features acclaimed actors and co-hosts Joe Mantegna and Gary Sinise, joined by Mary McCormack, and including an all-star lineup of actors and musicians (to be announced) along with top pops conductor Jack Everly and the National Symphony Orchestra. Show segments include: The concert will honor the memory and legacy of General Colin L. Powell, USA (Ret.) who participated in the National Memorial Day Concert since its beginnings; tribute the over 58,000 American lives lost in the Vietnam War and the more than 3 million Americans who served in Southeast

Asia during the brutal conflict through the story of combat medic whose family had served for generations; remember America's fallen by sharing the journey through grief and healing of a Gold Star Mother and Father. The annual Memorial Day tribute to our military and their families airs from the nation's capital to a broadcast audience of millions and to our troops around the world via American Forces Network.

Issue: **ARTS/CULTURE**
Program Title: 35th Hispanic Heritage Awards
Produced by: Nouveau Productions, LLC
Type: Performance
Dates Aired: 9/30/2022 11:00pm 56.1 60 minutes

Description: The highest honor to be given to Hispanics by Hispanics in the United States, the 35th Hispanic Heritage Awards is a celebration of excellence by Hispanic and Latinx people in the arts, business, philanthropy, and more. Join us as we celebrate Daddy Yankee, Los Lobos, Victoria Alonso, Ariana DeBose, and more.

Issue: **ARTS/CULTURE**
Program Title: Walter Anderson: The Extraordinary Life and Art of the Islander
Distributor: APTExc - APT Exchange
Type: Documentary
Dates Aired: 8/10/2022 4:00pm 56.1 60 minutes

Description: WALTER ANDERSON: THE EXTRAORDINARY LIFE AND ART OF THE ISLANDER explores the fascinating life and unique art of Walter Anderson (1903-1965). He was a painter, potter, and sculptor whose genius was realized only after the posthumous discovery of hundreds of previously unknown works.

Issue: **ARTS/CULTURE**
Program Title: Art, Black Women Lead
Series Title: Beyond the Canvas (Episode#305)
Producer: NewsHour Productions
Type: Performance
Dates Aired: 9/16/2022 11:30pm 56.1 30 minutes

Description: Explore the enormous contributions of Black women throughout American history to the arts. We look at re-centering Black history in American history, and bring humanity to those stories with Nikole Hannah-Jones, Regina King and Roxanne Gay.

Issue: **ARTS/CULTURES**
Program Title: Ukrainian Freedom Orchestra at The Kennedy Center
Produced by: The John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts
Type: Performance
Dates Aired: 9/9/2022 10pm 56.1 90 minutes

Description: Following performances across European cities to express love for Ukraine and lift spirits with music, the Ukrainian Freedom Orchestra concludes its tour at the Kennedy Center. This brand-new orchestra led by Canadian-Ukrainian conductor Keri-Lynn Wilson includes recent Ukrainian refugees, Ukrainian members of European orchestras, and some of the top musicians of Kyiv, Lviv, Kharkiv, Odesa, and elsewhere in Ukraine.

Issue: **ARTS/CULTURE**
Program Title: Intimate Apparel
Series Title: Great Performances
Produced By: Metropolitan Opera Association; Lincoln Center Theater; WNET
Type: Performance
Dates Aired: 9/23/2022 10:00pm 56.1 150 minutes

Description: A co-commission of The Met Opera and Lincoln Center Theater, Intimate Apparel is an opera adaptation of playwright Lynn Nottage's critically acclaimed and award-winning 2003 play of the same name, and the first Met/LCT commission to be produced. Featuring a powerful score by Ricky Ian Gordon and libretto by Nottage, the production directed by Tony Award-winner Bartlett Sher was just three weeks into previews in March 2020 when performances were suspended due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Finally, on January 31, 2022, the production opened to rave reviews at LCT's Mitzi E.

Newhouse Theater. Set in 1905 New York, Intimate Apparel tells the story of Esther, an unmarried and increasingly lonely African-American woman who makes her living sewing beautiful corsets and ladies' undergarments. Although she shares a warm affection with the Orthodox Jewish man who sells her fabrics, any possibility of a romantic relationship between them is taboo. Seeking love and romance, Esther begins to correspond with a mysterious suitor laboring at the Panama Canal. When he moves to New York, they embark on an unhappy marriage, leading Esther to realize that only her self-reliance and certainty of her own worth will see her through life's challenges

*******EDUCATION*******

Issue: **EDUCATION**
Program Title: Welcome to Commie High
Produced by: 7 Cylinders Studio
Type: Documentary
Dates Aired: 8/08/2022 11:00pm 56.1 60 minutes

Description: What happens when an experiment in public education works? "Welcome to Commie High" explores one of the sole survivors of America's "free school" movement of the 1970s, where "no" isn't the standard answer.

Issue: **EDUCATION**
Program Title: Mister Rogers Talks About Going to School
Series Title: Mister Rogers Neighborhood
Produced by: Fred Rogers Productions
Type: Children's Show
Dates Aired: 8/21/2022 6:30am 56.1 30 minutes

Description: Mister Rogers talks about teachers and some of the ways they help children to learn. Also, Mister Rogers talks with a school bus driver and takes a ride on a bus. In the Neighborhood of Make-Believe, King Friday and Dr. and Mrs. Platypus are anxious to see their children at the end of the school day. The first week of school is a big event for children, but it is also a big event for parents!

Issue: **EDUCATION**

Program Title: Teacher Appreciation Day (Episode #5125)

Series Title: Sesame Street

Producer: Sesame Workshop

Type: Children's Show

Date Aired: 7/29/2022 11:00am 56.1 30 minutes

Description: "SESAME STREET has garnered more than 100 awards, including 101 Emmys, two Peabodys, four Parents' Choice Awards and an Action for Children's Television Special Achievement Award. The series delivers academic and social education that prepares kids for grade school. Since its premiere, the show's base curriculum has been set by academic research on preschoolers. Encore episodes focus on music and art and how these tools can be used to develop the whole child - the cognitive, social, emotional and physical attributes. In addition, ""Elmo's World,"" which looks at the world through the eyes of a three-year-old, continues as a featured segment. Themes include birthdays, pets, teeth, families, games and more. "

Issue: **EDUCATION**

Program Title: Educator Shortage

Series Title: PBS NewsHour (Episode #13643)

Distributor: PBS

Type: Interview/Discussion

Date Aired: 8/30/2022 6:00pm 56.1 60 minutes

Description: As students return to class, schools across the country continue to grapple with teacher and staff vacancies. The scope of the shortages, and what's behind them, varies widely across America's nearly 14,000 school districts. Carlton Jenkins, the superintendent of Madison Metropolitan School District, joined Amna Nawaz to discuss the struggle he's facing to find and keep educators.

Issue: **EDUCATION**

Program Title: Federal Loan Forgiveness

Series Title: PBS News Hour (Episode #13639)

Producer: PBS

Type: Interview/Discussion

Date Aired: 8/24/2022 6:00pm 56.1 Segment 09:55

Description: President Biden on Wednesday announced his long-awaited plan on student debt. Borrowers making less than \$125,000 a year will be eligible for \$10,000 in federal loan forgiveness. That goes up to \$20,000 for those with the greatest need. Biden also extended a pause on loan payments through the end of this year. Laura Barrón-López joins Amna Nawaz to discuss.

*******HEALTH/HEALTH CARE*******

Issue: **HEALTH/HEALTH CARE**
Program Title: Hospice Care in America
Producer: Visionalist Entertainment Productions
Type: Documentary
Dates Aired: 9/26/2022 10:00pm 56.1 60 minutes

Description: In this special one-hour documentary film, we will investigate the myths of hospice and bring a better understanding of what hospice care is really about.

Issue: **HEALTH/HEALTH CARE**
Program Title: Facing Suicide
Producer: JWM Productions LLC; Twin Cities Public Television
Type: Documentary
Dates Aired: 9/13/2022 9:00pm 56.1 90 minutes

Description: Facing Suicide explores the personal stories of a diverse group of Americans whose lives have been touched by suicide. Among them are inspiring people who considered suicide or made an attempt, but lived to help others overcome their own mental health challenges. Leading experts and thinkers contribute insights about the nature of suicide, and provide actionable advice for individuals and communities. It is produced in partnership with four of the leading suicide prevention groups, in the hope of making a difference to countless lives.

Issue: **HEALTH/HEALTH CARE**
Program Title: Nicole Wells Stallworth-Planned Parenthood
Series Title: Off the Record (Episode #5211)

Type: Interview
Producer: WTVS | Detroit Public Television
Dates Aired: 9/9/2022 7:30pm 56.1 30 minutes

Description: Tim Skubick and members of the capitol press corps provide TV coverage of the governor's office, the state legislature, the political campaign trail, and state government. Insightful, fast-paced, and informative commentary and analysis -- getting the inside, out.

Issue: **HEALTH/HEALTH CARE**
Program Title: Reproductive Rights
Series Title: Amanpour and Company (Episode #5024)
Producer: WLIW and CNN
Type: Interview/Discussion
Date Aired: 8/4/2022 Episode 5024 12:00am 56.1 Segment
18:02

Description: Former U.S. Health and Human Services Secretary Donna Shalala discusses reproductive rights. Ambassador Linda Thomas-Greenfield explains what can be done to mitigate the world's food supply crisis. Jose Ramos and Andrew Myatt discuss a new bill to expand healthcare benefits for veterans exposed to toxic burn pits. Dr. Ashwin Vasan discusses the monkeypox crisis.

Issue: **HEALTH/HEALTH CARE**
Program Title: Monkey Pox Outbreak
Series Title: PBS News Hour (Episode 13623)
Producer: PBS
Type: Interview/Discussion
Dates Aired: 8/2/2022 6:00pm 56.1 Segment 07:49

Description: The monkeypox outbreak continues to grow faster than many initially expected. Nearly 6,000 cases have been reported in the U.S. since May and three states have issued emergency declarations over the outbreak in the last week. New York City Health Commissioner Dr. Ashwin Vasan joins Stephanie Sy to discuss efforts to contain the virus in one of the country's epicenters.

Issue: **HEALTH/HEALTH CARE**
Program Title: Treatment for Monkey pox
Series Title: PBS News Weekend (Episode #1811)
Producer: PBS
Type: Interview/Discussion/Review
Dates Aired: 8/6/2022 6:00 pm 56.1 Segment 06:52

Description: Now a declared national emergency, monkeypox continues to spread in the U.S. with cases doubling in the past week. Concerns are growing over disparities in access to testing, vaccines and treatment for vulnerable communities. Gregg Gonsalves, an epidemiologist from the Yale School of Public Health, joins Lisa Desjardins to discuss.

*******SCIENCE/NATURE*******

Issue: **SCIENCE/NATURE**
Program Title: Zambezi (Episode #201)
Danube (Episode #202)
Yukon (Episode #203)
Series Title: Rivers of Life
Producer: BBC Studios
Type: Documentary
Dates Aired: 9/28/2022 (Episode #201) 8:00 pm 56.1 60 minutes
10/05/2022 (Episode #202) 8:00 pm 56.1 60 minutes
8/12/2022 (Episode #303) 8:00 pm 56.1 60 minutes

Description: **Episode #201-** From surfers riding mysterious waves in deep gorges, to elephants battling rapids above Victoria falls, the largest curtain of water on earth. This is the story of the wildlife and people of the Zambezi, Africa's extraordinary shape-shifting river.

Episode #202- Travel down three of Earth's great rivers: the Zambezi, the Danube and the Yukon. Discover epic scenery, meet the extraordinary people and animals that thrive along their banks and in their waters as they journey from source to sea.

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Issue: **SCIENCE/NATURE**
Program Title: Undercover in the Jungle (Episode #3703)
Series Title: Nature
Producer: Atlantic Productions; Fremantle Media; WNET
Type: Documentary
Date Aired: 9/07/2022 8pm 56.1 60 minutes

Description: In Ecuador's Amazon basin is a unique patch of jungle that is a living, breathing, green metropolis of life. It is an untouched, secluded wilderness teeming with biodiversity, only accessible by boat. Follow a team of naturalists and wildlife filmmakers on a revolutionary mission to install a network of 50 remotely operated cameras and mini-cams - from the dark rainforest floor right up to a tangled canopy 300 feet up in the air - in order to capture the intimate lives of the wildlife. By filming 24/7, for an entire month, the camera crew captures the lives of exotic creatures and discovers the incredible tricks that these animals use to survive in this extreme jungle. From agile pygmy marmosets and boisterous howler monkeys to solitary pumas and mesmerizing leaf-cutter ants, meet a cast of remarkable animal characters, carving out a living in this incredible tropical world.

Issue: **SCIENCE/NATURE**
Program Title: Cuba's Cancer Hope
Series Title: Nova (Episode #4705)
Producer: WGBH & Bluespark Collaborative LLC
Type: Documentary
Dates Aired: 7/07/2022 9:00pm 56.1 60 minutes

Description: When the U.S. trade embargo left Cuba isolated from medical resources, Cuban scientists were forced to get creative. Now they've developed lung cancer vaccines that show so much promise, some Americans are defying the embargo and traveling to Cuba for treatment. In an unprecedented move, Cuban researchers are working with U.S. partners to make the medicines more widely available.

Issue: **SCIENCE/NATURE**
Program Title: Ultimate Space Telescope
Series Title: NOVA (Episode #4910)
Producer: WGBH & Terri Randall Productions Inc.
Type: Documentary
Date Aired: 7/13/2022 9:00pm 56.1 60 minutes

Description: Follow the dramatic story of NASA's James Webb Space Telescope – the most complex machine ever launched into space – in hopes of peering deeper back in time than ever before and answering some of astronomy's biggest questions.

Issue: **SCIENCE/NATURE**
Program Title: Saving Venice
Series Title: NOVA (Episode #4912)
Producer: Lion Television Limited; WGBH
Type: Documentary
Dates Aired: 9/28/2022 9:00pm 56.1 60 minutes

Description: Rising seas, sinking land, and deteriorating buildings threaten Venice. Can the city's recently completed hi-tech flood barrier save it? The program explores many other innovative projects all designed to stop this historic city from being inundated and lost to future generations.

Issue: **SCIENCE/NATURE**
Program Title: Socorro: Expedition Shark Island
Series Title: Expedition with Steve Backshall
Producer: BBC Worldwide, LTD
Type: Documentary
Dates Aired: 8/03/2022 10:00pm 56.1 60 minutes

Description: Dive with Steve on a shark expedition to a remote volcanic island in Mexico's Eastern Pacific.

*******LEADERSHIP/PUBLIC POLICY*******

Topic: **LEADERSHIP/PUBLIC POLICY**
Program Title: Lies, Politics and Democracy
Series Title: Frontline (Episode #4103)
Producer: Kirk Documentary Group

Type: Documentary
Date Aired: 9/06/2022 9:00pm 56.1 120 minutes

Description: The political leaders and choices they made that have undermined and threatened American democracy. How officials fed lies about the 2020 election and embraced rhetoric that led to political violence.

Topic: **LEADERSHIP/PUBLIC POLICY**
Program Title: Episode 3
Series Title: Firing Line with Margaret Hoover
Producer: FL2 LLC
Type: Interview
Date Aired: 7/17/2022 12:30pm 56.1 30 minutes

Description: Guest: Chris Murphy. Sen. Chris Murphy, D-CT, discusses his first success in a decade-long fight to stop America's gun violence epidemic and explains how the new law may have stopped the Highland Park shooter. He addresses urban gun violence and the weakening gun lobby.

Topic: **LEADERSHIP/PUBLIC POLICY**
Program Title: Ukraine: Life Under Russia's Attack
Series Title: Frontline (Episode #4102)
Producer: WTVS Detroit Public Television
Type: Interview
Date Aired: 8/02/2022 10:00pm 56.1 60 minutes

Description: A dramatic and intimate look inside the Russian assault on Kharkiv. Told by displaced families trying to survive underground, civilians caught in the fight, and first responders risking their lives amid the shelling of Ukraine's second largest city.

Topic: **LEADERSHIP/PUBLIC POLICY**
Program Title: Diversity, Equity & Inclusion
Series Title: American Black Journal (Episode #5031)
Producer: WTVS Detroit Public Television
Type: Interview
Date Aired: 8/7/2022 9:30am 56.1 30 minutes

Description: On the next American Black Journal: It has been more than two years since George Floyd's murder sparked huge commitments from businesses and organizations to expand their Diversity, Equity and Inclusion efforts in the workplace. So, where do things stand now in the DEI space? Host Stephen Henderson sits down with Mark S. Lee of The LEE Group and Nikki Pardo from Global Alliance Solutions for a candid conversation on the state of diversity in corporations, the status of new Chief Diversity Officer positions that were created, and the amount of resources allocated to DEI efforts.

Plus, the Ebiara Fund was created to help eliminate systemic barriers for emerging minority real estate developers in Detroit by providing access to start-up capital and process assistance. Stephen talks with two people involved with the fund: Rod Hardamon of URGE Imprint and Keona Cowan from Invest Detroit. They discuss the challenges faced by Black and Brown developers and how the fund will help them grow their businesses and become a part of Detroit's growing economy.

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Topic: **LEADERSHIP/PUBLIC POLICY**
Program Title: al-Qaida History
Series Title: PBS Newshour (Episode #13623)
Distributor: PBS
Type: Interview/Discussion
Date Aired: 8/2/2022 6:00 pm 56.1 60 minutes

Description: A U.S. drone strike that killed al-Qaida leader Ayman al-Zawahri last weekend in Afghanistan raises questions about where this leaves the terrorist group and the Taliban's role in harboring him. Nick Schiffrin returns with a deeper look at al-Zawahri's background and al-Qaida's future.

Topic: **LEADERSHIP/PUBLIC POLICY**

Program Title: Brittney Griner Case
Series Title: PBS Newshour (Episode #13632)
Distributor: PBS
Type: Interview/Discussion
Date Aired: 8/4/2022 6:00pm 56.1 60 minutes

Description: U.S. women's basketball star Brittney Griner now faces 9 years in a Russian prison. She was convicted Thursday in a Russian court on drug charges for having cannabis oil in her luggage last February as she arrived in Moscow. The Biden administration had sharply criticized her arrest and condemned the verdict. Journalist Julia Ioffe, a founding partner at Puck News, joins Judy Woodruff to discuss.